



Chaplaincy for the Homeless Annual Report for 2019

The Ecumenical Chaplaincy for the Homeless, Inc. has finished Year 2019, a year of incredible growth and expansion. We began 2019 with 1 chaplain and 20 volunteers providing worship services, Bible studies and special services. We end 2019 with 1 chaplain, 3 part time assistant chaplains and 1 office manager providing services in 7 locations.

CURRENT CHAPLAINCY STAFF:

- Ron Friesen, Chaplain for the Homeless
- John Humphrey, Assistant Chaplain for Outreach
- Harold Moore, Assistant Chaplain for Homeless Veterans
- Gina Pollard, Assistant Chaplain for Families and Children
- Carol Ambrose Critcher, Office Manager

2019 HIGHLIGHTS:

- We began 2019 with the challenge of reaching homeless families and children. Through God's blessing and the open door provided by Pastor Patricia Mayger at United Methodist Outreach Ministry (UMOM), we have begun regular Sunday School services with about 15 children at each service.
- In addition to Sunday Chapel Services at St. Vincent de Paul/Human Service Campus and Ozanam Manor, we have added worship services at MANA House and St. Vincent de Paul Dining Room/Sunnyslope.
- Our Bible study offerings and ministry of presence at Human Service Campus have expanded to MANA House (Homeless Veterans Residence of Catholic Charities), St. Vincent de Paul Dining rooms in Sunnyslope and Mesa and Westward Ho Hotel. The Combat Trauma group continues to meet at MANA House.
- In 2019, we were blessed to Beyond Fear to Freedom (BFF) bring its ministry to the Human Service campus on Wednesday at noon. We intend to continue this program in 2020.
- Chaplain Harold Moore and Chaplain Jim Guthrie took eight residents of MANA House fishing at Chaparral Lake in Scottsdale. No fish were caught, however, The Fisherman appeared and one of the men gave his life to the Lord after Chaplain Jim shared his testimony.

- At Christmas time, a number of significant events were sponsored on the Human Services Campus:
 1. Christmas provided us an opportunity to sponsor our second annual Healing Hearts Concert lead by Nick Heward and his team. We were blessed to be joined by Steven Luftkin whose album was picked by Christianity Today to be one of the top six Christmas albums for 2019. Several clients from the campus came forward to sing.
 2. Another highlight was the Second Annual Christmas Concert for the entire Campus provided by musicians from several churches in the valley. Several clients from the campus came to sing with the choir.
 3. On Christmas Eve day, the chaplaincy held a special Christmas party in its office. Twenty people attended. We shared homemade cookies, coffee, cocoa, and other treats along with The Legend of the Candy Cane with Bible verses.
 4. In April, we also participated in our Second Annual Maundy Thursday Foot Washing Ceremony with 105 individuals.

AT THE END OF 2019, WE CELEBRATE THE ACHIEVEMENT OF:

- 127 Worship services
- 410 Bible Studies, Women’s Groups, Trauma Groups
- 6,011 people served through all service offerings

IN 2020 WE LOOK FORWARD TO ADDING MORE SERVICES AND LOCATIONS:

- Expansion of our family and children ministries at UMOM and other locations where homeless families reside
- Expansion of our ministry to Homeless Vets
- Additional worship services and Bible Studies at St. Vincent de Paul dining rooms
- Restarting the BFF group at the Human Service Campus
- Adding one or two Recovery Groups (Christian 12-step programs)

We thank you all for your support and concerns and we will keep you posted on our progress. Attached is our financial report and a Chaplaincy Success Story - just one of the many successes we have enjoyed this past year.

In closing, I would also like to share an update to Jan’s* story which I shared in last year’s report. I am happy to report that Jan continues to grow in faith through her participation in a local church. God has blessed her financially through various employment opportunities. And she continues to be in relationship with her daughter. We were blessed to have her share her story with friends and donors at the fall Mission Breakfast at Desert Hills Presbyterian Church.

*Name has been changed.

In Christ we serve,



Ron Friesen “The Chaplain for the Homeless



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From a financial perspective we have met and exceeded our second-year target. We now must continue our basic marketing plan to enlist Valley Churches to support the Chaplain in the community. We aim to create a bank of churches that will partner with us for this support as well as continue to encourage individual donors who have a heart for the homeless.

We reached over 6,011 homeless people through our efforts in 2019 while conducting 410 Bible Studies and 127 Worship services.

With your help, we will reach many more!

Annual Report – Chaplaincy for the Homeless Profit and Loss (2019)

Income

Receipts

Donations – Churches	\$ 21,175
Donations – In-Kind	248
Donations – Individuals	145,789
Donations – Institutions	<u>6,154</u>
Total Receipts	<u>\$173,365</u>

Expenses

Chaplain Fees	41,000
Asst Chaplain Fees	39,436
Rent	8,280
Auto mileage	5,329
Office Supplies	4,271
Meals	3,194
Transportation	1,138
Insurance	858
Dues & subscriptions	397
Other	<u>587</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$104,490</u>

Net Operating Income	\$ 68,875
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The Ecumenical Chaplaincy for the Homeless
Budget for the Year Ending December 31, 2020

	<u>Budget 2020</u>		<u>Actual 2019</u>
Receipts			
Donations	\$ 185,000		\$ 173,365
Expenses			
Chaplain Fees	52,000	(1)	41,000
Asst. Chaplain Fees	66,500	(2)	39,436
Auto Mileage	7,500		5,329
Rent	8,300		8,280
Advertising	2,500		2,500
Office Supplies	3,100		1,771
Insurance	8,000	(4)	858
Meals	1,500		1,162
Transportation	1,500		1,138
Office Equipment	2,500	(3)	-
Truck	9,000	(4)	
Dues	1,000		397
Fundraising Events	5,000		1,150
Volunteer Events	2,000		882
Other	<u>1,000</u>		<u>587</u>
Total Expenses	171,400		104,490
Excess of receipts over expenses	\$ 28,700		\$ 82,798

Notes to Budget Column

(1) Includes salary of \$42,000 plus 2019 bonus of \$10,000 paid in January 2020.

(2) 4 Asst. Chaplains working 20 hours/week at \$15.00/hour.

(3) Includes a desktop computer, a copier and storage cabinets.

(4) The Chaplaincy is considering adding a program for children. It would entail providing 'mobile' Sunday School classes using a truck with a stage and audio-visual equipment. A truck has been located and the cost of the truck plus renovation is approximately \$9,000. Liability insurance for this vehicle is approximately \$7,000 per year.

Chaplaincy Success Story

Courtesy of Ron's Blog

Rick* is a 59-year-old veteran of the US Airforce who Chaplain Harold Moore, Assistant Chaplain for Homeless Veterans, met at MANA House - one of the centers of ministry that the Chaplaincy serves. Rick suffers from severe vertigo and either uses his electric wheelchair or hand braces to get around. On or about November 24th, Rick suffered a broken neck (C1 and C2 vertebrae) caused by a door hitting him on the back of the head. While he was being checked out for the extent and nature of his breaks, the doctors discovered Multiple Myeloma. Harold Moore, Jim Guthrie and I have been providing almost daily pastoral visits to Rick to encourage his faith, pray with him and support him. Rick has no living family to support him. His first words to me were, "I am all alone." One of the issues for Rick was his glasses were broken in his accident. Chaplain Jim Guthrie drove to Mesa to the store where Rick's prescription was originally filled to obtain a temporary set of contacts so Rick could see better. I was able to provide reading glasses to Rick so he could read his Bible and other books.

Through the help of his housing navigator at Community Bridges Incorporated (CBI), Rick secured independent housing. The transition to his own apartment required a number of people to step forward to get him set up. My wife, June, and I were able to provide kitchen items to set up housekeeping as well practical items such as toilet paper. With no wheelchair, Rick was unable to go grocery shopping so I took him to Walmart. Chaplain Harold was able to secure a trailer to move Rick's wheelchair to his apartment.

Rick's life is very limited due to his injury so he asked if the chaplaincy could find a television. I contacted several people. Ron Wheat of Cru ministry to veterans was able to secure a television and brought it to Rick's apartment. Rick is excited to be have access to 90 channels! With the aid of his electric wheelchair, Rick has been able to locate a good Bible-believing church close to his apartment and has attended several services there including Christmas Eve service. Rick's story illustrates the role the chaplaincy plays in providing pastoral care, practical ministry and the ability to connect our clients to resources in the community.

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Praise the Lord!

Ronald Friesen © 2020

We hope you are pleased with our 2nd Annual Report (2019). If you would consider our cause which is to reach all the homeless in Maricopa County, please visit our web site and make a donation or mail a contribution to:

Thank you,

John Thurston
Chairman of the Board

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